# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS March 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Chadwick. Those in attendance were Commissioner Rob Hendry, Commissioner Matt Keating, Commissioner John Lawson, County Attorney Heather Duncan-Malone, County Clerk Renea Vitto

Those absent were Commissioner Steve Schlager and Commissioners' Assistant Michelle Maines.

### Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Keating asked to pull items A&B - Maintenance Service Agreements from the consent agenda for discussion. Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the consent agenda minus items A & B. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Keating moved to table the contracts for TLC in order to discuss month to month options instead of signing a year contract. Motion died for lack of second.

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve items A & B Maintenance Contracts. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Keating was opposed.

# CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, RESOLUTIONS A. Resolution 05-16 Proposed Changes In Polling Place Locations for Precincts in Wards I, II, and III of Natrona County.

Clerk Vitto discussed the need to move polling places from schools within Wards I, II and III. Voting in schools has been challenging for many years now and has created many problems which make it difficult to comply with the Help America Vote Act enacted by the Federal Government in 2002. Discussions with the School District resulted in being assigned a liaison from the districts Risk Management Department to work with the Clerk and the school Principles to try to resolve the issues resulting in a decision that 16 schools were not conducive or for voting and best if the clerk found alternative polling locations. Another factor in the decision to move voting from public schools is safety. Should there be a need for a lock down, children are at risk since the building has to remain open for voting. Our children's safety is of the utmost importance. Beginning with the August 16, 2016 Primary Election the clerk will move 14 polling places within Wards I & II to the Industrial Building of the Central Wyoming Fairgrounds and 6 polling places of Ward III to Restoration Church. All other polling places remain unchanged. The voters affected by the change will be notified by mail. Clerk Vitto asked the Commissioners' to accept and sign resolution 05-16 Changes in Polling Place Locations.

Commissioner Lawson moved to accept Resolution 05-16 Changes in Polling Place Locations for Precincts in Wards I, II & III. Commissioner Hendry seconded the motion. Commissioner Keating wanted to make it known to the public that this decision was strictly the Clerk's and the Commissioners' input was not relevant to the decision. Motion Carried. Commissioner Keating voted in opposition.

#### **Public Comment:**

Holly Thompson, Casper, says she understands all the reasons the Clerk is stating for moving voting out of schools but doesn't agree with consolidating, rather more polling places be opened if possible and does not feel voting should take place in churches.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Retail Liquor License
  - 1. C.C. Cowboys, Inc dba Racks (tabled from 02-16-2016 until 03-15-2016 Meeting)

## Restaurant Liquor License

Casper Mountain Resort, LLC dba Casper Mtn Inn & Country Store (tabled from 02-16-2016 until 03-15-16 Meeting)

Commissioner Hendry moved to remove C.C. Cowboy's dba as Racks, Retail Liquor License and Casper Mountain Resort, LLC. dba Casper Mountain Inn & Country Store, Restaurant Liquor License from the table. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Vitto reported C.C. Cowboy's has met all the State and County compliance issues and recommended the Commissioners approve the liquor license.

She further reported that Casper Mountain Resort, LLC dba Casper Mtn Inn & Country Store has not completed the initial application for renewal and has not had contact with the licensee after granting extra time for completion. She recommended the Commissioners deny the renewal of Casper Mountain Resort, LLC Restaurant license but stated that the license is not one that would go away for good. It could be applied for again without issues – the county has plenty of available Restaurant Liquor Licenses.

Chairman Chadwick opened up the public hearing.

Speaking in favor: none

Speaking in opposition: none

Hearing no comments the Chairman Chadwick closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve C.C. Cowboy's Retail Liquor License. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hendry moved to deny Casper Mountain Resort, LLC dba Casper Mountain Inn & Country Store, Restaurant License. Commissioner Keating seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Public Comments:**

Chairman Chadwick opened the floor to Public Comments.

Tracy Lamont (Casper) Dick O'Hearn (Casper) Linda Bergeron (Casper)

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

# **Commissioner Comments:**

Chairman Chadwick opened the floor to Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Hendry & Chairman Chadwick

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

# Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Chadwick adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

**BOARD OF NATRONA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** 

Førrest Chadwick, Chairman

ATTEST:

NATRONA COUNTY CLERK

Renea Vitto

My term of office expires January 7, 2019